

# Greenbelt News Review

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## GHI Board Approves Monthly Charge Increase of 9.9%

by Al Skolnik

An average increase of 9.9 percent in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. monthly operating charges for 1976 was given first approval by the GHI board of directors at its regular meeting on Thursday, November 13. In terms of total costs which include principal payments and interest on the GNMA mortgage, the increase comes to 8.4 percent.

The average increase in total charges comes to 4 percent for the brick homes, 12 percent for the frame homes, and 8 percent for the new homes. The differences are based on actual experience, as separate records are kept for each type of home.

Although the increase for all units combined is less than 10 percent and does not require membership approval to go into effect, it appears likely that a special membership meeting will be held to discuss one controversial part of the budget. A petition signed by 104 members presented to the board Thursday by Eunice Coxon requested that a special membership meeting be called to discuss and vote on the borrowing of money for the capital improvement program.

The board will be holding a meeting tonight (Thursday, Nov. 20) to consider this petition.

### Capital Improvement Program

The capital improvement program is the management and board's attempt to catch up on the backlog of work that GHI has been unable to do during the past two years because of membership refusal to allow more than a 10-percent increase in operating charges. The proposed capital improvement program would consist of \$545,000 worth of work that would be financed through a 10-year loan at an estimated 9 percent interest. By financing the program through a long-term loan, the annual charge against the members would come to only \$80,000 (\$35,000 the first year because the money would not be borrowed until the middle of the year).

Among the items included are

\$127,800	Replacement of brick flat roofs
38,200	Replacement of frame roofs
82,800	Electrical heavy-up
34,500	Termite extermination
24,200	Sidewalk repairs
130,200	Parking lot repairs
27,500	Administration building renovation
40,000	Replacement of rotary cup burners
40,000	Conversion of frame steam heat to hot water system

### Thursday Night Decisions

The last two items were added by the board at last Thursday's meeting because of their urgency. The corporation is under compulsion to replace rotary cup burners on steam heat plants in the North End within the next two years because of state anti-pollution legislation.

The board also felt an urgency to get started immediately on a pilot project converting the frame home heating system in the North End of town. The Engineering and Maintenance committee had recommended a 2-year project involving conversion of the #23 steam heat plant on Laurel Hill to variable temperature hot water.

Basically this approach would convert all units on the west side of Laurel Hill Road, north of Ridge Road during the first year. The long steam tunnels would be abandoned. Existing piping under each row would be utilized to the extent possible with replacement of defective or under sized pipes and radiator valves and removal of

steam traps where necessary, similar to the conversions at 12 court Ridge and 44/46 court Ridge. Small row-sized packaged oil firing burners would be installed. Oil tanks would be shared by 3 or 4 rows.

The total cost of the conversion project in the first year is an estimated \$80,000. The board contemplated that \$40,000 would come from the capital improvement budget and \$40,000 from the remaining GNMA uncommitted deferred mortgage funds. The committee estimated that the fuel savings from the project would pay back the cost within 5 years.

### Pay Hike

The other major board change in the original budget submitted by the manager was a decision to provide an 8-percent pay increase for GHI maintenance employees and a 6-percent pay increase for administrative employees. The manager's budget had been based on an across-the-board pay increase of 5 percent.

A major factor influencing the board was the need to keep pay scales competitive with pay scales in private industry and the Federal Government. Figures were supplied that showed that GHI maintenance employees were more than 20 percent behind Federal and private employees (before the 8 percent voted). As for the administrative employees, it was pointed out that last year such employees received smaller increases than their counterparts in the federal government and that a 6 percent pay increase would help make up the difference. It was also thought that too large a spread between maintenance and administrative employees would create morale problems.

To help pay for the higher salaries (amounting to \$17,000) and the additional debt service caused by the addition of the two items to the capital improvement budget (\$5,000), the board increased (1) the commission rate charged on sales of homes from 5 percent to 5½ percent and (2) the administrative fee involved in sales from \$100 to \$150. The board also knocked \$3,000 off the frame home trim paint program and \$3,000 off the frame home water line replacement (tunnel work) program.

The approved 1976 budget as it stands now calls for expenditures of \$3,853,000 of which \$3,160,000 comes from members' charges, the balance from the tax refund, GNMA deferral funds, interest on investments, and service fees.

### Other Business

The board approved an increase in its attorney's retainer from \$350 to \$425 a month. It also tentatively approved the employment of the firm of Wolf and Company to perform the GHI 1975 audit. Five companies had submitted proposals.

## Christmas Bazaar

The St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and on Sun., Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grenoble Hall. Featured will be baked goods and hand-made items. Proceeds are to be used to aid the poor, sick and elderly.

## News Review Deadline

Next week's issue of the News Review will be published on Wednesday, because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for submission of articles and advertising will be Monday night instead of the usual Tuesday.

## CRAB Hears Few Complaints

by Sandra Barnes

"Does anyone wish to speak?" asked Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) chairman, Bob Hardie several times of the 30 or so people who made up the audience at last Monday's public hearing to discuss citizens' complaints about police.

What had aroused the citizenry to cries of police brutality or misconduct brought only five people to the microphone: one indicated that Greenbelt has a basically good police force, but that we had to weed out the one or two bad apples; one praised the police and demanded more police protection; one indicated her son had been the victim of poor judgment on the part of an officer and parents ought to have a better understanding of police procedures; another stated that he was being harassed by the police for "minor" offences and the police should tend to more serious matters such as the drug pushers around Springhill Lake Villa; finally, one person suggested that there ought to be more meetings between the police and the citizens so each group could better understand the problems of the other.

City Manager James Giese read a statement which pointed out that the city and the police were still investigating the complaints received privately and at previous council meetings. So far, he said, "there are no clearcut, flagrant police violations against citizens." But, he emphasized, the investigation was time-consuming because some cases were still being litigated. He noted that an officer is permitted by law to use all items in his possession in order to make a disorderly conduct arrest. It is a matter of judgment as to what is used during such a volatile situation, he stated. He further noted that buckknives, —long, curved, folding knives—are judged illegal and a person can be arrested for having such a weapon in his possession, even if not concealed.

Giese added that he and Chief William Lane are making all efforts to make police procedures known to and understood by the public. The city council has authorized the publication of a pamphlet describing police practices, and although Giese expects the readership to be small, he hopes the information will circulate to avoid misunderstanding in the future.

All records of complaints have been turned over to CRAB for its further investigation and recommendations.

## Santa Claus Letters

Santa will have a stocking hung in the Greenbelt Post Office again this year where children may mail their letters to Santa.

## Holiday Refuse Collection

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on November 27, there will be no refuse collection on that day. Refuse collection for the remainder of the week will follow the normal schedule.

## Referendum Being Sought On Housing for Elderly

by Al Skolnik

A petition seeking a voter referendum on the housing for the elderly project is being circulated, city council was told at its Monday evening, November 17 meeting. "Already", said Viola Keer, "one afternoon's circulation of the petition has produced 61 signatures. My request last week for a referendum was not a lonely voice."

Other leaders of the referendum drive were Jack and Liz Queen. They wrote the council that they recognized the time-consuming nature of a referendum, but thought housing for the elderly important enough to get public sentiment. They also viewed the referendum as a means of gathering information on the subject. Some of the questions that need answering, they said, were how the project would be financed, who would be eligible, who would manage the project, what long-term commitments would the city have, would park property used for the project be replaced and how would this be financed?

At its next meeting on Monday, December 1, council will consider a resolution authorizing the city to proceed with the undertaking of the project. The resolution designates two alternate sites — Ridge Road Center and Hamilton Place property — and directs the manager to make such studies as may be necessary to assure the feasibility of the project.

The city council also directed the city attorney to advise it in writing whether the elderly housing project could be petitioned to a referendum.

### Lights at Tennis Courts

Several residents of Lakeside Drive led by Mrs. Keer complained about the tennis court lights on Braden Field overlapping into their yards and homes, especially at this time of year with the leaves gone. They asked as a minimum that the direction of the lights be adjusted and shields be installed.

As an interim measure, the council directed that during the winter months the tennis lights be turned off at 10 p.m. (instead of 11 p.m.) and that an earlier hour be used for those courts nearest the residences. Council also asked the city manager to explore other mechanical means of minimizing the glare.

### Police Aid

Council received word that its share of increased State aid for police protection has been cut \$10,000 below the original estimate. Part of this reduction is the provision in the law for payment

## Garden Club Meets

The second meeting of the Garden Club will be held at the library meeting room on Tues., Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. Ray Bosman, from the University of Maryland Extension Service, will talk about "The Care of House Plants". Due to the holidays, the December meeting will be cancelled.

Newly elected officers are: president - Marilyn Fowler, vice-president - Roy Colvin, secretary - Lynette Johnson, and treasurer - Andy Lichvar.

This month thanks are extended to Bill Hoff, past president, who has volunteered much of his time and services. Bill promises to continue to be an active member and help whenever needed.

Members are reminded to clean up gardens for next year, and get those compost piles piled. Everyone is welcome at the meeting.

## Pay Now, Park Later

Approximately 400 warning notices for overdue parking violations were sent out recently to persons who have ignored parking tickets received in Greenbelt. So far, about 25% have complied. Under a new state law, payment of parking violations is required before new tags are issued, renewed or transferred. Outstanding fines must be paid by Nov. 30.

Persons receiving parking tickets are required to pay fines within ten days or the amount is doubled. Those wishing a court hearing have five days to make their request.

of a supplemental grant to counties with a population density of 8,000 per square mile.

Under this provision, Prince Georges is entitled to a supplemental grant of \$870,000. This grant is for police services within the county, but the county has the discretion as to whether or not to allocate and distribute the supplemental grant to municipalities within the county.

The Greenbelt city council moved to ask the county council to distribute a portion of the supplemental grant to the city in the same manner as the basic aid. This would yield the city about \$13,100. The council noted that the county provides no assistance to municipalities which provide police protection services. The State aid for police protection is the only financial assistance that aids to reduce the inequity in taxes paid by municipal residents for providing their own police services and for sharing in the cost of county police services.

The council also requested the Prince Georges Municipal Association to adopt a resolution requesting the county to include all the qualifying municipalities in the supplemental distribution.

### Playgrounds

City manager James Giese gave a status report on the construction of the three playgrounds that the council had decided to go ahead with at budget time. These playgrounds are located at St. Hugh's, parcel 7 near Boxwood Village, and Valley Stream between Woodland Hills and Lakeside. Giese said that the recreation department is now preparing the bids for equipment — that the use of "free" material such as railroad ties was explored and it was found that extensive work would be needed to make the equipment suitable. He thought that the playgrounds would be available by spring.

### Stop Sign

The council voted against erecting a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Ridge Road and Eastway, but directed the city manager to take whatever steps desirable to improve safety conditions, including painting a cross walk and cutting back hedges.

### Appointments

Ronald Clark and Eileen Turner were reappointed to 3-year terms on the city's Advisory Planning Board. Rhea Cohen was appointed to the Water Resources Committee of the Council of Governments and Bob Mogel to the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Dick Pilski was named as the city's representative to the county Community Development Advisory Committee.

### Honors

Former Mayor Pilski was honored with a presentation of the mayor's gavel for his more than four years of service in that post. The city and the recreation department were formally presented with copies of a resolution adopted by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission commending the department for winning the Gold Medal award for its park and recreation program. Chairman W. C. Dutton made the presentation.

### Other Business

The Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee has endorsed a contest to write a "Greenbelt March." Fred Mordan will supervise the contest. City employees will be given a holiday on the day after Christmas. Council went on record against county special exceptions for commercial entertainment complexes. It also endorsed state legislation forbidding children from standing on school buses.



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#### NEW GROCERY STORE TO OPEN HERE SOON

Co-Op Gas Station Starts  
Operations

Opening date of the new store has, for several weeks, been the topic of the most popular conversation piece in Greenbelt, and it is felt that at this time some word of its progress will be welcome.

While Consumer Services is ready to open the store, there will be some delay until the premises are ready for occupation. Electricity and refrigeration have not yet been provided for, and as several holes have yet to be drilled through the eight inches of concrete floor, and plumbing lines have to be run through the building, it is unlikely that the store will be ready for several days.

This announcement was made with deep regret by Mr. R. M. Templeman, store manager, who had hoped for an earlier opening date.

The filling station, by way of compensation, has now been operating for several days. This will also be run according to the cooperative principle, meaning that the Greenbelt car owner may now buy gas as well as groceries cooperatively.

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#### JOURNALISTIC CLUB BEGINS WORK ON NEWSPAPER

Consumer Services Aids  
Greenbelt Weekly

The Greenbelt Journalistic Club held its first meeting Thursday evening, November 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, 35 G Ridge Road.

More than fifteen persons participated in a general discussion on the best methods now available for the distribution of authentic news and announcements in Greenbelt.

Several attending the meeting summarized their personal experiences in publicity and newspaper work and volunteered their services as reporters.

Tentatively, a plan was suggested to issue six numbers of the Cooperative, a weekly journal, covering matters of local community interest.

The principle generally adopted by club members is that any bulletin or newspaper in the community shall be non-partisan in politics, and cooperatively designed.

As its first venture the club will sponsor the Greenbelt Cooperative with the assistance of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

The club elected the following officers: Louis Bessmer, president; William R. Poole, vice president;

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## VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1

This is how the first page of the first issue of the Greenbelt News Review looked. The first issue appeared on November 24, 1937 and consisted of 16 letter-sized mimeographed pages of local news and editorial content. With perfect timing, to celebrate the anniversary, Robert Volckhausen, an early editor of the newspaper, and his wife Jane are visiting Greenbelt this week.

## Game Night On Nov. 22

The SHL Faith Chapter of the American Medical Center for Cancer Research will hold a "Night of Games" at the American Legion Post #136 on Greenbelt Rd. on Sat., Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. There is a donation. For information, call 474-7985.

## St. Bernard Match-Show

The Greenbelt Recreation Dept. and the Southern Maryland St. Bernard Fancier's Association will co-sponsor a match-show Nov. 23 at the Youth Center. Entries will be taken from 9 a.m. - 12 noon and judging will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The match-show is an opportunity for owners and prospective owners to discuss Saint Bernard's. The dogs will be judged on conformation and obedience.

There will be cart rides for kids, food, and raffles. An entry fee will be charged. For more information, call Arlene Wormelduff, 301-888-1262.

#### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

### "Amahl and the Night Visitors"

A Christmas opera for the entire family

performed by

the Greenbelt Choral Arts Society

directed by

Douglas Freeman

&

the Ft. Meade Music Theater

at

CENTER SCHOOL

December 7

8 p.m.

Free Admission

## Lutheran Women's Bazaar

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, will hold a Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many hand crafted and home baked items will be for sale.

A special feature of the Bazaar will be the display of a large Bicentennial quilt, depicting in embroidery the important facts about the State of Maryland. A group of ladies has been working for months to create what has turned out to be a magnificent piece of needlework. Much research and preparation went into its creation.

#### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

#### Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Weekday Nursery School

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Phone 345-5111

Edward H. Birner, Pastor



## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

Prentice Snodgrass invited me over to his pad the other day. I found him seated in front of his typewriter. "A lot of people were interested in your experience at the Miss University Beauty Contest," I informed him.

"Naturally," he acknowledged with his usual modesty. "But I have put that sort of foolishness behind me. I am now engaged in writing a serious novel. What do you think of the title 'Conflict and Detente'?"

"Well, Tolstoy did pretty well with something along that line. But don't you think you might start out with something lighter?"

"Maybe you're right," he assented. "How about an inspirational book called 'Jonathan Livingston Turkey'?"

"Too close to Thanksgiving," I opined.

"I know!" he cried enthusiastically. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Mating Habits of the Buffalo Moth But Were Afraid to Ask!"

"It's catchy," I admitted. "But if they decide to make a movie out of it the title would never fit on the marquee of the Greenbelt Theatre."

"Good point," he agreed. "Oh well, adventure stories are the thing right now. 'How about a lobster that runs amok at a beach? I could call it Claws.'"

"Er, Prentice," I began but he interrupted.

"Or a story about a lumber jack who goes wild? I could call it 'Saws.'"

"Prentice . . ."

"Or a crazed chipmunk that terrorizes a residential area? The title would be 'Gnaws.'"

"I don't have to put up with this sort of thing," I yelled, and left in a Huff. A 1971 four-on-the-floor model I had bought the week before through a classified ad in the News Review.

## Hike for Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy Assn' of P.G. County is sponsoring a Hike to Help on Sun., Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Greenbelters of all ages may participate by picking up registration and sponsor forms at 9001 51st Ave., College Park, or by calling 474-2810. The hike will cover the following route: shoulder of Greenbelt Rd. opposite U.S. Park entrance to Legion Dr., Legion Dr. to Lakecrest, Lakecrest to Lakeside; Lakeside to Westway; Westway to Ridge; sidewalk and shoulder on Ridge to interior walk to crosswalk; interior walk to library underpass at Crescent; sidewalk—Crescent to Centerway; sidewalk—Centerway to Center Mall; sidewalk and parking lot—Center Mall to Parkway; Parkway to Crescent; Crescent from Parkway to Lastner Ln. (cross at St. Hugh's); Lastner to Ivy Ln.; Ivy Ln. to Ridge; Ridge Rd. shoulder and pathway to Research Rd.; Research Rd—shoulder to Agriculture Research Center.

## CARD PARTY

Sat., Nov. 22, 8 p.m.

Mishkan Torah

Ridge & Westway Rds.

\$1.50 adults - 75c teens

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Bingo, Scrabble

Bridge, Mah Jong, etc.

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PRIZES — FAVORS

REFRESHMENTS

Infor. 439-3850

## Women's Basketball Organizational Meeting

Monday, November 24, 1975

8 pm. Youth Center

Calling all interested girls, 16 & over, players and coaches, for franchise league play. Fee: \$80/team, 4-6 teams accepted. Individual Championship trophies awarded. Players may not be on any college, high school or jr. varsity at start of season.

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

at the

Mishkan Torah

Ridge & Westway

Sunday, Nov. 23, 4-7 p.m.

\$2.75 Adults

\$1.75 Children

## GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Sun., - 11 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School

Infant Care at 2-B Hillside

Rev. Harry Taylor and Rev. Sherry Taylor, Ministers

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410)

Church School 9:30 A.M. (For ALL Ages)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: Holy Harvest

Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham (474-3381 474-9410)

Take time to laugh . . .

Take time for your family . . .

Take time to read . . .

Take time to say "thank you", also

Take time to worship God.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Bible Study for all ages (Sun)

Sunday Worship

Mid-week Service (Wed)

9:45 am

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

7:30 pm

For bus transportation, call church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays

You are invited to Greenbelt's

Twenty Fifth Annual

## Thanksgiving Day Service

## Mishkan Torah

Westway and Ridge Roads

Thursday, Nov. 27, 1975 - 10:30 a.m.

Interfaith Service

sponsored by

MOWATT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISHKAN TORAH

(Free will offering will be given for hunger relief in this area.)

ST. HUGH'S

## LADIES OF CHARITY BAZAAR

Nov. 22nd 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23rd 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HAND MADE ITEMS

HOME BAKED GOODS

CHILDREN'S GRAB BAG

PLANT TABLE

A BASKET OF CHEER

THREE BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE AFGHANS

GRENOBLE HALL - 135 Crescent Road



# Our Readers Sound Off

## Thanks and Suggestions

On behalf of my wife, Liz, and myself, I would like to take this belated opportunity to sincerely thank those many voters who voted for a new voice on council. Somehow, thanks do not seem enough for those who worked so hard on my behalf or to those who were so motivated as to actually contribute financial support.

There are a couple of comments I would like to make on reflection. The first observation concerns the poor voter turnout. I hope that all residents, who are eligible, will make a special effort to drop by the Municipal Building to register to vote in the city elections down the road. The 1500 residents who voted should be applauded for accepting upon their shoulders the duty of the thousands who did not vote.

The second comment concerns the city budget. This budget represents an approximate 20% increase over last year's budget (including the use of the city's reserve funds). Even though the old-line politicians always make new programs appear free, I believe that within five to ten years taxpayers will take the personal initiative to lift the label and look at the price on these programs.

Even though I lost the opportunity to serve on council, I will still be active in Greenbelt affairs. I will remain on the Advisory Planning Board and the Advisory Committee of the Council of Governments. Also, Common Cause has asked me to return as Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau, so if you need a speaker for your club, you know who to call.

Jack and Liz Queen

## Capital Improvements Needed

To the Editor:

Mrs. Hutzler's letter in the November 13 News Review says that she voted for the old capital improvements program but she would not vote for a new one. The members at the December 1968 meeting actually voted for a 13.4% increase in operating charges for 1969. However, in so doing, they knew they were supporting the board's decision to embark on a long-range capital improvements and major maintenance program to be financed by borrowing.

This program, as presented at that meeting, was to continue over several years until all flat roofs had been replaced, all steam return lines replaced, slate roofs surveyed and repaired where needed, all boilers rehabilitated, all electrical heavy-ups done to our homes, and even all windows and window frames repaired or replaced as needed. Sidewalks were also mentioned. Work was started on these things and was continued for about three years.

During the consideration of the TAA recommendations for a complete rehabilitation of our homes, the board suspended action on the capital improvements program when it was only partially completed. It would be dangerous to delay the program any longer. Therefore, the board has voted to resume it. It is not necessary to get membership approval for this since it will not require an increase in monthly charges for 1976 of over 10%.

Janet M. James

## On GHI Capital Improvements

To the Editor:

In her letter of last week Mrs. Martha Hutzler stated that in 1968 she voted for a \$282,500 capital improvement loan. If so, she voted to repay the money over a 10-year period. Now, less than 10 years later she complains that the loan has not been completely repaid.

She wrote that \$254.00 was still owed on the loan. The unpaid balance as of January 1, 1976 will be \$215,022.

She referred to a "30% hike in payments for the frames since 1975." What 30% hike? The Board-approved budget calls for increases of less than 13% in frame home owners' operating payments or less than 12% in monthly charges.

Truly phenomenal is Mrs. Hutzler's willingness to share her vast store of misinformation.

Charles Schwan

## Wants Alternatives

To the Editor:

Our GHI budget (adopted Thursday) included a proposal to borrow \$465,234 for miscellaneous capital improvements. I see some of these "capital improvements" as fiscally unjustifiable, better out of any borrowing program. Other items have much greater dimensions than the proposal states, and I think we need a combined reserve-building and loan program to meet them.

As budgeted, this item amounts to only a \$29,465 loan payment (partial year) against monthly charge income totalling around \$3 million. It doesn't sound like much in this context, but we should check what it hides.

The total interest charge expected was not mentioned in the justification packet mailed to members. We can multiply the annual payments (10) \$70,717 and subtract from the borrowing figure to find it: \$241,936. This is a high price to pay for a list that includes termite control and paving repairs. We need this kind of money for other list items:

Frame roof replacements are not replacements to the original roofs. Those were new in 1941/42; they were all replaced around 1958-63. It is now 1975: the 63 units proposed here (I hope they represent all the units under any given roof!) are the first trouble signs of our next cycle of total frame roof replacement. This is due over the next few years. Based on the current estimates, it will cost over \$606,047. The last cycle was paid out of roofing reserves; we'll borrow for this one. Why? I suppose it's meant for a bigger boom/bust cycle in our home prices.

Electrical heavy-up is offered here to a grand total of 36 rows each, masonry and frame. Will yours be one of the lucky rows, or will you have to outwait a ten-year loan payoff for safe capacity to modernize your electrical equipment? If not, then what will the debt load be?

These are only two of many pressing needs we face. Does this board interpret its responsibility to cover only a few hundred of our 1600 units?

Another justification for borrowing (let's not confuse this "justification" with need for repairs: the two have to be judged on completely different grounds) was passed out at the loan proposal hearing Wednesday night. Along with other arguments, it "demonstrated" GHI members' increasing capacity to repay loans.

It showed this by a table comparing GHI members' long term debt to the corporation's annual monthly payment income, and by reducing the ratio of these two from 1954 to the present. The 1954 debt level of \$5,525,328 gives a ratio of 5.08:1; the table brought this down to a current level of .52:1 with today's \$1,562,681 debt load. The table ignores an important factor:

At the same meeting, Charles Schwan pointed out that GHI's current net worth of around \$25 million worth amply support the borrowing.

Now, in 1954 GHI could speak for its members' debt load: we were just starting to pay off our GNMA mortgage. But not since. In 1975 most of us are painfully aware of how we are paying the difference between GHI's \$1.5 million debt (GNMA, plus) and our \$25 million net worth: we're doing it through our second trusts. A fairer estimate of the debt/income ratio for today's GHI member would be close to 7:1 much higher than in 1954! Is this our "ability to repay"?

If our homes are already mortgaged up to market limits, what effect will an additional debt load have on our next crop of potential buyers?

Borrowing is not as simple a solution as we thought it was. I'd like to see a balanced program to pay for our capital needs: 1) cut unjustifiable items from borrowing, and 2) combine reserve-

building with borrowing for justifiable capital needs. It's still not too late! But until we can do this, maybe we should readjust our budget priorities.

Thanks to petition, we'll have a meeting where we can discuss our alternatives. Let's do it!

Gordon Allen

## Unnecessary Drain

To the Editor:

Do Mrs. Coxon and Co. have mouths like the rest of us, or some trapezoidal construction that enables them to speak out of several sides of them at once?

The latest antic: while bemoaning increased charges they demand yet another special membership meeting. Don't they realize these meetings aren't cheap? The very minimum cost — and this doesn't include staff time for preparation of mimeographed materials and paper — is \$600.

Granted this isn't much, but add it to all their other "small" financial demands, such as their frivolous lawsuit, and we get an unnecessary drain on GHI funds. I'm tired of these constant demands. This one special meeting alone is as much as several of my monthly payments for my house; I don't begrudge my monthly payments, but I would like to see them put to better use.

Katherine Keene

## Let's Vote on Elderly H'sing

To the Editor:

Approximately 44 residents and one non-resident attended the Nov. 10 hearing on the proposed public housing project in Greenbelt. 33 voted on a site, 11 abstained. There was not the unanimous approval one is led to believe.

Of 200 resident members of the Golden Age Club, about 30 were in the audience, very few spoke and only about half a dozen indicated a need for this facility. More expressed approval, but approval and need are not the same.

The city mailed out 375 questionnaires to a carefully chosen few. They even contacted managers of the apartment projects soliciting names of residents who might be interested. It was a most unprofessional and biased survey at considerable expense. 128 questionnaires were returned, again indicating "approval". Even Councilman Schwan returned one. No one can tell me that people such as Schwan, McDonald, Casels, etc. are in need of, or intend to live in, such a project. Yet they are included in the statistics as supposedly justifying this development. Just bear in mind that there are liars, damn liars and statisticians.

Facts in this matter are as hard to find as camel tracks in the desert during a sandstorm. Here are a few: a. Project to be funded by a "low interest" state loan made to the city of Greenbelt. How low? b. Amount of loan? Officials say 2 to 5 million dollars. When they say 2-5 they mean 5 to 10. c. Location — Publicly-owned municipal parkland which must, by law, be replaced by other parkland.

d. Replacement proposed — 4 acres owned by the well-known developer, Charles Bresler, for \$80,000. \$20,000 per acre. Also a strip of GHI property. Assessed value of this land??? Whatever, if purchased, would be taken off all tax rolls.

Who would have to repay this loan, plus interest? Guess. The only tax base Greenbelt has is the property tax and a small rebate of county piggy back tax. No federal funds are committed.

Mine has been referred to as "a lonely voice" in requesting a referendum on this matter. Many people have indicated to me they agree, but are afraid to express an opinion for fear of retaliation.

A petition to referendum is currently being circulated, and regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of an apartment complex on public parkland, I urge you to sign. In the privacy of the polls you may express your true opinion. Or are we to continue to be a city controlled by fear?

Viola L. Keer

## History of Golden Age Club

To the Editor:

In April, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Hall invited some senior citizens to their home. This was a social gathering. At that meeting the Golden Age Club was organized. It was for citizens of Greenbelt then and it is for citizens of Greenbelt now. This club became too large to meet in homes. The city of Greenbelt Dept. of Recreation agreed to sponsor this fine growing club.

The Prince Georges County had nothing to do with this club. The county still has nothing to do with this club. This Golden Age Club pays its own way.

At one time this club of over 200 members was raising money to build its own building. The City Council decided, due to the increasing programs of the Dept. of Recreation and other community activities, to build an addition to the Youth Center. The Golden Age Club was asked to back the proposed bond issue. We did and the city built the addition.

The last regulation on membership says, and we quote, "Only residents sixty years of age and over will become members of the Golden Age Club of Greenbelt."

The City of Greenbelt, through the Dept. of Recreation, has granted a permit to the County Division of Aging to hold a regional activity on every Monday. The Golden Age Club has nothing to do with the management of this activity.

I have been a member of this club since 1964. I am past president and the representative of the club on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

If there is any group that is more Greenbelt-centered than the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, I would like to hear about the same.

Kenneth Buker

## Waiting for Playgrounds

To the Editor:

I recently noticed an item in the Greenbelt News Review to the effect that the Greenbelt city council has acted on and passed two city ordinances to help the elderly and the poor and the disabled this past Monday night. I applaud and heartily recommend the above-mentioned ordinances. However, I wish to recommend that any and all people concerned stay solidly behind and inquire into said ordinances lest they be forgotten as were several playgrounds included in the last city budget.

The council, it seems, is very good at passing things, but how about instituting them. I've been told by a "questionably reliable" source that this passed and unacted-upon item is now in the hands of the recreation director, who has also received the National Gold Medal award for excellence in park and recreation management. Great! All fine and good! But where are our playgrounds? Who is in charge after the council sits! and passes!? Whoever you are, let's go — We are waiting!

Joan Lloyd

## Lions Sponsor Clinic

The Greenbelt Lion's Club is sponsoring a Health Clinic scheduled for Sat., Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

Tests will be available for Hearing, Glaucoma, etc.

The hearing tests will take place in the conference room and eye tests will be in the Lion's Eye Mobile Unit which will be parked in the library parking lot.

If anyone has any questions contact Lion Henry Fisher, co-chairman, 474-1817.

## Greenbelt Composer Presents Anthem

"Communion Hymn Anthem," composed by Janet James of Greenbelt will be sung by the St. Andrew's Church choir with flute descant on Sun., Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. at the church, College Ave, College Park. Frederick Brown, a teacher at Greenbelt Junior High School, is the choir director and organist. Other works by Miss James include "A Christmas Lullaby" which has been sung at various churches in this country and abroad.

## Recreation Review

### Tennis Court Lights

Lights will automatically be turned off at 10 p.m., instead of 11 p.m., during the winter months. Details will be posted at the courts. Boys' & Girls' Club Centers Gym Use

Beginning Nov. 20 through Jan. 4 the gym use, by the Boys' and Girls' Club at both Springhill Lake and Youth Centers, will be as follows: Mon., Wed., and Fri., 6-7 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., 5-9 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. — noon.

### Teen Club

A teen party will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Sat., Nov. 22 8-11 p.m. Featured will be stereo sounds and movies. Advanced sign-up for the first ski trip of the season will be held at this time. A nominal fee will be charged.

### Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Boys and girls of all ages are invited to compete in the basketball foul shooting contest held in the Youth Center gym on Thurs., Nov. 25 from 4-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Winners will receive a Co-op gift certificate for the purchase of a turkey. Competition will be held in various age categories.

### Family Roller Skating

Sundays: from 1-5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School is family skate afternoon. All families are encouraged to participate. People should bring their own rink skates or rent them here. A nominal fee is charged.

### Men's "B" League Basketball

Information concerning the franchise basketball league is now available at the Youth Center. Brochures may be obtained by calling Mon. thru Fri. 9-5 p.m. 474-6873.

### Fall Programs

### Women's Gym

Gals of all ages are invited to use the gym facilities at both centers on Wed. evenings from 7-11 p.m. A variety of activities are available.

### Ridge Road Center Drop-in

The Ridge Road Center is open Mon. thru Fri., 4-5:30 p.m. and Sat. 12-5 p.m. for drop-in activities. There are table games, table soccer, ping pong, floor hockey and an outdoor basketball court. All center activities are supervised by recreation department staff.

## Campus Center Open House

The Campus Center for Early Learning, offering a non-profit educational program for children 2½-5 years, is having an Open House celebrating American Education Week on Fri., Nov. 21 and Mon., Nov. 24 from 9 to 10 a.m. The center is located at 7600 Hanover Parkway (Greenbriar Community Building). For more information call 345-8830.

## Discussion on Discipline

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parents Discussion Group will be Wed., Nov. 26 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The topic of discussion will be "Differing Philosophies of Discipline". Refreshments will be served and babysitting is provided. For further information, call Betty Hughes at 474-8458.



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## CITIZENS SPLIT ON BOND ISSUE, RATE CITY SERVICES HIGH

by Al Skolnik

Public support for a bond issue at this time is rather thin, according to the results of the election survey questionnaire filled out by voters at the September 16 city election. Of the 604 citizens who responded to the question of whether a bond issue should be considered at this time to finance major expenditure and construction projects, 54 percent said yes and 46 percent said no.

The greatest opposition to a bond issue was in the North End of town, especially among single-family dwellings. For the city as a whole, 62 percent of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members favored a bond issue and 44 percent of single-family homeowners. Among apartment owners, the vote in favor of a bond issue was 63 percent.

The projects receiving the most support for financing from a bond issue were bicycle paths and the purchase of parkland. 62 percent of those responding yes to a bond issue checked bicycle paths and 56 percent checked purchase of parkland. In descending order of popularity were construction of sidewalks along the streets without sidewalks (52%), development of parkland (34%), new police station (33%), street improvements (28%), addition to municipal building (23%), and construction of athletic fields (21%).

### Baltimore-Washington Parkway

The election survey also reported on citizen feelings toward improvements in the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The city council had adopted a position on proposed improvements that (1) called for preservation of the Parkway's scenic and esthetic character; (2) favored only such widening as may be necessary between the Beltway and D.C., but in no case more than six lanes; (3) opposed construction of a connector between I-95 and the Parkway; (4) prohibited truck traffic; and (5) retained existing interchange with Southway and Greenbelt Road.

Citizen sentiment favored this council position by a 93 percent margin with little variance by type of dwelling or section of town.

### Intra-City Bus Service

Another question dealt with intra-city bus service. 71 percent responding felt that Greenbelt needed a local bus service, with the most positive responses from GHI, Springhill Lake and Lakeside North Apartments. Citizens saw the greatest need for a bus route connecting to the nearest METRO station (70%) and the next greatest for bus service between the city and the University of Maryland (46%).

Lesser needs were seen for a connecting bus to the B & O commuter service (29%) and to Goddard Space Flight Center (23%). Only 14 percent saw the need limited to within the city. 62% of the respondents foresaw that they would use the service regularly.

### Government Services

The questionnaire also dealt with how the citizens rated the services provided by various levels of government. Based on a rating system which gave 3 points for an excellent rating and 0 for a poor rating, the following grade points were calculated.

Greenbelt city government	2.07
P.G. county government	1.29
Maryland State government	1.31
Federal government	1.26

In the 1973 survey, the city government had received a rating of 1.90.

Turning to specific services provided by the city government, 98% of the residents rated the fire and rescue squad either excellent or good, 82% so rated the police protection, 80% the street maintenance, 75% the street lighting, 81% the refuse collection, 80% the park maintenance, 66% the playground maintenance, and 67% the Youth Counseling.

Also rated were the recreation programs for the following groups using the point system mentioned above.

Pre-teen children	2.00
Teen agers	1.78
Young adults	1.65
Adults	1.82
Golden Agers	2.13
Males	1.97
Females	1.72

## STRICTER SCHOOL DRUG CONTROLS

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Prince Georges County Public School Code of Student Conduct lists "Possession, use or distribution of a controlled dangerous substance (drugs) as an act of gross misconduct and subject to disciplinary action." On Nov. 3 new guidelines were instituted for the "rigorous application of existing policies" in an effort to make the schools as free from drugs as possible. All students at the secondary level were briefed on the new measures which state:

"Students who use drugs: first offense — suspension from school for 5 school days; second offense — suspension for balance of the semester or the school year; third offense — recommendation for expulsion (permanent) from the public schools.

"Students who possess drugs . . . in a quantity for individual use shall be treated as 'users' . . . students who possess drugs in a quantity large enough . . . to be shared or distributed to others shall be . . . (treated as) distributors."

"Students who distribute drugs: first offense — suspension either for the balance of the semester or the year; second offense — recommendation for expulsion (permanent)."

During the first week of the crackdown on drugs, 24 students were suspended from school — 11 were junior high students, 13 were from senior high schools according to an announcement by Edward Felegy, Director of Pupil Services.

Thomas Myrick, principal of Mary Bethune Junior High, in an interview with this reporter, suggests, "the new guidelines appear to be quite effective. While penalties haven't changed, they are now mandatory and every student is aware of the exact penalties for each type of drug offense. The school staff now has strong backing from the Superintendent, Carl Hassel. These new guidelines give the schools control over the situation. We no longer have to be involved with the courts, where a student sometimes receives no more than a slap on the wrist and is back in school the next day." Myrick is pleased with the situation in his school.

Charles Collins, principal of Greenbelt Junior High, seems equally confident in the new mandatory procedures, although he was quick to point out to this reporter that he hadn't had any drug incidents or apprehensions this year. "If the new procedures are followed through with," said Collins, "they should be successful and we plan to follow the guidelines to a Tee!"

The situation appears to be more difficult at the much larger senior high schools where school staff members do not recognize as large a percentage of their student body. Dr. G. Sager, Parkdale principal, spoke also of the strong peer culture which proscribes turning in another student. Of the new procedures, Sager says, "They're going to have an effect, they've already had some effect, to the extent that all of the school staff works together, to the extent we hear about specific incidents, we will follow up."

### Drug Committees

Principals in all secondary schools have been directed to establish drug advisory committees by Dec. 1, to be made up of teachers, parents and students. Parents are urged to call their school if willing to serve, according to Martha Aly, Coordinator of Drug Programs. The purpose of the committees will be to assist and advise principals and faculty on the whole range of drug problems and to serve as liaison with the Health/Drug Committee at the county level. Miss Aly says "We hope to increase community involvement and awareness through these committees." The new guidelines "are working," she added, "the students know we mean business. We hope to put a large-size dent in the amount of drugs at schools, already the situation looks healthier."

## GHI Capital Improvements Scrutinized by Members

by Miriam Cornelius

The proposal that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. finance its 1976 Capital improvements program by borrowing the needed funds was the subject of discussion at the Nov. 12 hearing. The improvements — replacement of leaky roofs, electrical heavy-up, termite extermination, and repair of sidewalks and parking courts — are needed now, stated Pres. James W. Smith from the chair, and if not done this year the property would "deteriorate at an accelerating pace." The decision as to borrowing rests with the board of directors, Smith pointed out, but before making its decision on Nov. 13 the directors wished to obtain the reactions of members and also their suggestions as to possible alternatives.

Smith presented a table prepared by management showing that if GHI borrows the total sum needed, estimated at \$465,231, for 10 years at 9 percent interest, monthly payments of members would be increased in 1977 and subsequent years (until the loan is paid off) by \$4.77 for the masonry and \$3.13 for the frame homes. (Editor's note: subsequently on November 13, the GHI board added \$80,000 to the capital improvement budget to cover certain items involving the heating system.)

If one can judge by the fact that only about 35 persons attended the well-advertised hearing, most members were willing to go along with management's evaluation of the situation. Of those who attended the hearing, some expressed completely negative attitudes such as "let the roofs leak", "no more improvements until the GNMA mortgage is paid off," "find the money by cutting the budget — especially personnel." In contrast, one member asked if GHI considered raising monthly charges to pay for the improvements. "Yes," said Manager Roy Breashears; "it would have meant an increase of over 18 percent." Another asked if members with money to invest could not be invited to finance the loan. The reply was that this had been considered on a previous occasion and had been rejected as involving too much complicated paper work and accounting, forcing GHI practically to go into the banking business.

From the floor, director Mary Clarke remarked that the increases under discussion are already in the 1976 budget proposed by management — "not something to be added on top." "Does the budget include the cost of replacing the remaining rotary cup burners as required by law?" asked a cool voice. "It's not in the budget," admitted Smith. "We may have to adjust some priorities."

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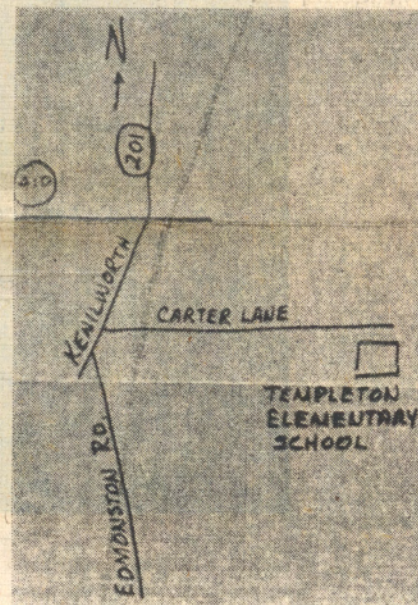
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A total of six students from Greenbelt have been selected for the ninth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." These students are Andrew E. Birner, Mark W. Koczak, Anne R. Ricciuti, Ricky Janisch, Elizabeth E. Likowski, and Carla J. Smith. Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics and community service.

Hulda Bomberger, one of the executive nominees to the Advisory Committee on Aging, has been confirmed by the County Council. Bomberger was a county school teacher for 15 years and a former vice principal of Riverdale Elementary School.

Liz and Charlie MacLellan, daughter and son-in-law of Hattie and Martin Anderson of 1-H Gardenway, were each honored at the fall convocation of the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton, N.B. Canada. Liz was awarded the Brookfield Scholarship as the "student entering the third year deemed by the Professors of Science to be the most promising student in Natural Science", while Charlie received the Freeze Prize as the "outstanding scholar in second year English."

Happy birthday to Sarah C. Groves who was 90 on Thursday, November 13. She will be receiving a letter from President Gerald Ford honoring the occasion.

Mrs. Groves said her cousin David Mead Lea was instrumental, many years ago, in obtaining the land for the presidential retreat Camp David.

Mrs. Groves moved to Greenbelt in 1962 and currently resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Don McCaughey of 122 Laster Lane.

Bill and Laura Walker eked out a 1-point victory at last Friday's duplicate bridge session, as the combines Madeline Green - Pauline Pritzker and Sid Barnett - Al Skolnik battled to a tie for second place. Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, next game will not be until Friday, December 12 at the Youth Center.

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Glad to hear that Ruth Bowman, 14-Z-3 Laurel, is feeling better after surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Hope that Norman Weyel, 2-F Plateau, will soon be feeling better. He underwent surgery at Prince Georges Hospital last week.

Army Private Richard B. Tipton, son of Patricia Tipton, 8-H Southway, recently completed a scout crew qualification course in Hawaii. The 20-year-old soldier entered the Army in Sept. 1973 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk, La.

Judy James has been appointed manager of the Zayre store on Annapolis Road, New Carrollton. Ms. James has served as area, group, and assistant store manager for Zayre stores in Virginia and Maryland. She lives on Edmonston Rd.

The Marshall Family would like to wish Lisa Deck a happy sweet 16 birthday Nov. 21.

**Parent Group Forming**

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is planning to run a free five week parenting group. The purpose of the group will be to explore important issues having to do with being a parent. Each session would be held weekly, lasting 90 minutes. The first 5 week session will be devoted to discussing children from infancy through elementary school age. Meetings will be held at the Ridge Road Center. Discussion leaders will be Carol Leventhal, M.S.W. and Eddie Haaz, graduate student. Anyone interested in joining the group or getting additional information can contact either Carol or Eddie at 345-3456.

**At the Library**

The library will offer a program of Thanksgiving crafts for children, ages 6-12 years old, on Sat., Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room.

**Drop-In Stories** continue Thurs., Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. for children, ages 3-5 years old in the children's program room.

**Soccer Sign-up**

The Greenbelt Soccer Association is now forming teams for the winter and spring soccer season. There will be two boys' teams - ages 14 and under and ages 16 and under. The Greenbelt teams will compete with other area teams in the Mid-Maryland Soccer League. Boys interested in playing should call 474-8851 or 345-3152.

The Greenbelt Soccer Association, which is beginning its second year, sponsors year-round instruction and competition in soccer. Persons interested in assisting in the program should call 474-8851 for information.

**Clothing Collection**

St. Hugh's Church, under the auspices of Catholic Relief Services, will collect clothing for the needy overseas. Msgr. William F. O'Donnell, pastor, extends an invitation to all Greenbelters to donate clothing to the annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection. Because the need is in the poorer countries located in the warmer climates, clothing collected will be limited to garments of summer weight only for men, women, children, and infants. Also needed are blankets, shoes, and infant layettes. Clothing will be accepted at Grenoble Hall on Sat., Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, call 474-6587.

**CITY NOTES**

Recently residents along Cherrywood Lane in Springhill Lake had been experiencing a stench and odor problem, particularly during the evening hours. This resulted from an 8" sanitary sewer line that broke on the A. H. Smith property located outside the city's corporate limits. The break in the line occurred approximately 200 feet into the Smith property at a point where the sanitary line crossed a storm water channel and was thus exposed allowing sewage to be carried along by storm water. WSSC has since repaired the line, but there is still an odor problem from the sewage residue left in the area.

It appears that the break occurred sometime ago and that because of inaccessibility, was not discovered until the warm weather produced a noticeable odor. The city has been in touch with both WSSC and the County Bureau of Environmental Health about further measures that can be taken with regard to the residue and the odor. Corrective measures are complicated by the wide area through which the sewage flowed before the break was repaired.

Work is underway on the Bicentennial flower garden at the entrance to Lakecrest Drive. The bed has been prepared and evergreens planted. The evergreens are Canadian Hemlock, pyroantha, creeping junipers Japanese holly, weeping forsythia, abalia, and wax leaf legusta. Flowering red, white and blue annuals (to spell "USA 200") are to be planted later. There is still some sodding to be done around the edges and wood chips to be applied.

Reynolds Aluminum Co. picked up 80 lbs. of aluminum for \$12.00. The main walk to the Ridge Road Center was topped, repairs were made to the roof of the building, and some electrical work was performed. A barricade at the end of the walk between 117 and 119 Northway was rebuilt. Old appliances were also picked up recently.

Two men from U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service came out to look at the water problem on Orange Court. They will send the city a report and recommendations as to what should be done to correct the problem.

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# FDR High School's Boundaries And Status Far From Settled

by Barbara Likowski

Greenbelters are no nearer knowing whether their children will go to the new Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School (FDR) than they were before last Thursday's Board of Education meeting at nearby DuVal Senior High School. The subject of FDR's boundaries had been on the agenda for that meeting. But in the afternoon portion of the meeting it was announced that the staff's new plan was not yet ready and the item was removed from the agenda. That left, however, several other items pertaining to FDR to be discussed, including the criteria used for deciding the boundaries.

Speaking for Greenbelt, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld spoke of Greenbelt's desire that the board include "all Greenbelt children" in FDR's attendance area. He explained that many of the city's children were being bused to elementary school and many to junior high school. Also speaking on behalf of Greenbelt and alluding to its unique community spirit were State Delegate Gerard Devlin and State Senator Edward Conroy.

Dr. Carl Hassel, superintendent of schools, and Charles Wendorf, director of pupil accounting and school boundaries, presented the criteria to be used. Starting with the general criteria that no new school be opened that has less than 10% nor more than 50% of a minority race they added that the plan would seek to minimize transportation requirements as much as possible. It was explained that usually grades 10 and 11 are placed in a new school and 12th graders are left in the schools already assigned to them. This means a separate transportation network. If possible, this will be done but at present cannot be guaranteed. FDR may have to open at 100% capacity - 2,400 students; this is not usually done.

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The new plan will be presented to the board at its November 26 meeting if it is completed. Board member Lesley Kreimer urged that at least part of the plan be presented at that time. She pointed out that "we are running out of time," because plans are already being started in the high schools for next year. After the board receives the plan, it will set public hearings in several areas to get citizen input.

Board members were upset to discover that the **Bowie Blade** had published FDR boundaries. Dr. Hassel did not know how the paper got the information but reiterated that no definite plans had yet been formulated and all plans were in the discussion stages only. Bowie residents present requested that their students not be transferred to FDR; they preferred their children attending Bowie Senior High School which is several hundred students over the school's capacity.

Another proposal concerning FDR came in the form of a resolution from board member Nicholas Eny. Eny proposed that FDR be opened as a career-technological high school. More money would be needed to renovate the building which was not designed for such use. Additionally there would not be a need for designation of boundaries. Eny asked that a survey be taken of all students eighth grade and above to find out how many would be interested in attending such a center. He also asked for cost determination. This resolution will be considered at the board's December 1 meeting. A representative from the county council of PTA's went on record as opposing the use of FDR as a technological school because of additional construction and transportation costs.

## School Bus Legislation Would Outlaw Standing

A bill prohibiting school buses from carrying standing children will be among the proposed legislation for the 1976 session of the General Assembly to be discussed at a public hearing at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Riverdale on Tues., Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The bill P.G. 232-76 is sponsored by Delegates Craig Knoll and Kay Bienen.

The problem of overcrowding on some buses taking Greenbelt students to Mary Bethune Junior High School and Parkdale Senior High School has been brought to the attention of the school board by Greenbelt citizens and State Senator Edward T. Conroy. School board chairman Chester Whiting and board member Lesley Kreimer have visited bus stops in Greenbelt in their study of the matter. Reportedly overcrowding has existed on some buses since the beginning of the school year.

## Long Distance Race Results Running News

Two Greenbelt runners recently competed in a 36 mile race at Alexandria, Va., one of the longest races held in America. Jim Isenberg, Lakeside North, was third for the second consecutive year, in the time of 3:58:28 and Martin Greenbaum of Brae Brook, who also competed in other 36 millers, was 24th in 4:58:22.

Jack Mahurin of Ridge Road, Greenbelt's outstanding distance runner, placed second by six seconds in 32:42 in the Potomac Valley AAU Cross-Country Championship at Georgetown Prep over a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) course.

Three races are coming soon in which Greenbelters may run. On Sunday, November 30 at 7:30 a.m. the AAU national boys age group championships will be held at distances from 1 to 3 miles at ages up through 17 years. The races will start at the Navy-Marine Corps football stadium in Annapolis. Pre-registration is required.

The same day, but starting at 11:30 a.m. the AAU Senior Men's National 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) cross-country championship will be held at Eisenhower Golf Course. A 26 mile marathon, the third annual Maryland Marathon will be held in Baltimore on Sunday, December 7 starting at 10:30 a.m. A number of Greenbelt runners are again expected to compete with about 600 others (including 25 women last year).

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## Financial Aid Workshop

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## JCC Card Party

Mishkan Torah will hold its annual card party on Sat., Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. Bingo, mah jong, bridge, scrabble, etc. will be played. There will be door prizes, favors and refreshments. Adults and teens are welcome.

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## Police Blotter

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Officer Craze recovered an auto stolen from University Square shortly after the offense occurred. No arrests were made.

Two residents of College Park were bilked of cash at the Beltway Plaza when a male approached them claiming to be a former co-worker, and persuaded them to loan him cash. A look-out has been placed for the suspect.

Officer Stair, checking a subject stopped for a motor vehicle violation, discovered the individual was operating the auto while his license was revoked. The subject was incarcerated in lieu of \$400 bond.

A total of twenty-two juvenile complaints were investigated, as well as twenty cases of disorderly type conduct by adults. Three breakings and enterings were reported.

Detective Corporal Smith attended a week long homicide seminar sponsored by the Maryland Police Training Commission. Officer Stair has completed a two week course in narcotics investigation and identification, sponsored by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

Cpl. Michael Janey has resigned from the department following five years of service to accept a position as investigator for the Navy Department.

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